

# BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Piqua City Schools

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

8:00 a.m.

## AGENDA

1. To advise the District on changes in the economy and job market and the area in which future jobs are most likely to be available;
2. To advocate for the employment skills most critical to business and industry and the development of curriculum to teach these skills;
3. To aid and support the Districts by offering suggestions for developing a working relationship among businesses, labor organizations and educators.

- Scott Bloom – Curriculum Director
- Clint Bostick - Board Member
- Matt Cox - Pollysourc **Excused**
- Mimi Crawford – Crayex
- Dan French – French Oil **Excused**
- J.J. Frigge – Hartzell Propeller
- Jason Haak - UVCC
- Jean Heath - Retired UVMC **Excused**
- Deb Holthaus - Edison **Excused**
- Rob Messick - PHS Principal
- Scott Raser – Park National Bank
- Jim Sever - Piqua Steel
- Kathy Sherman – Chamber of Commerce **Excused**
- Elizabeth Soldes – PHS Guidance Counselor **Absent**
- Dwayne Thompson – Superintendent
- Tony Trapp - UVCC
- Cynamyn Williams/Russ Welker – Harmony Systems and Services

Dwayne

- Welcome
  - We welcomed Russ Welker from Harmony Systems**
- District Update
  - COVID absences are MUCH better in the district**

November - January resulted in a high number of absences due to sickness and quarantines of staff and students.

- Chamber student leadership project

The Piqua Chamber is reviving the student leadership program. We will be selecting 12 senior students in the last week of February that are interested in joining the workforce when they graduate. They will attend sessions regarding how to gather research and assemble data into a report. There will be a culminating report shared with local businesses regarding how to engage this generation with current workforce needs and employment opportunities/processes. Mimi, JJ, Jim, and Cynamyn all volunteered to help. Kathy sent information to each regarding dates and topics. Dwayne is working to secure students.

Jason and Tony Left at 8:40 for Warren Davidson's meeting

- Career Technical Student Organization Month Activities

Jason updated the group on activities that will be coming up at UVCC and PHS.

- Camp EXCEL

Tony shared highlights about this summer camp and past successes. More information will be released soon so students can enroll.

Rob

- State changes in graduation requirements for each class

Rob updated the group on the ever changing graduation requirements by the state. We continue to offer a number of opportunities for students to meet these needs. We have 2 current challenges that we are facing at this time.

1. Recent challenges with COVID the past 3 years have caused attendance problems and some seniors are finding themselves credit deficient.
2. Students are turning 18 and quitting school to join the workforce without graduating first.

PHS counselors and administrators are meeting with individual seniors now that are at risk of not graduating in May.

Scott

- Manufacturing/Business Summer PD for Educators
  - Working with Chamber of Commerce and Miami County ESC
  - Provide opportunities for educators to visit different manufacturers/other businesses
  - Focus on the type of skills needed for students to be successful employees
  - Looking for business to be a part of the program
- Flex Factor - spring

- Students will again develop business models focusing on Flexible Hybrid Electronics
- Working in partnership with Sinclair
- Students present their business ideas- we would like to have judges from our businesses
- 8 Ohio Means Jobs requirements met
- This past fall's program was successful
- Edison and Sinclair articulation with our Aviation Course
  - Approved with Edison, working with Sinclair Unmanned Courses and AOPA
  - 38th and 39th articulation in the country
- Pitch Piqua March 3

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- Criminal Justice with Edison

PHS is working to link to this program so students and our local workforce can benefit.

- Data Science course approved for 2022-2023.

This is an up and coming degree that is in high demand now. We are adding this course for students.

#### Round Table Questions/Comments

The group discussed the availability of workers to fill open positions. There seems to be potential workers applying at this time to fill the many positions. All indicated that they have increased pay and or benefits recently.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATE**

- Tuesday, May 10, 2021, 8:00 AM